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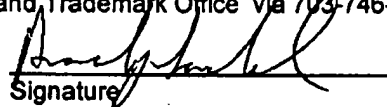
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

A January 30, 2003 FINAL Official Action exists in this matter. The Applicant sincerely appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Tran on April 29, 2003 in the above-identified matter. Pursuant to that telecon, the Applicant requested, and the Examiner has agreed to, entry of the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7 and 8 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a construct by seamlessly joining solid objects made up of certain sized particles, the method comprising:
- supplying a joint compound having particle sizes smaller than the certain